

USFS – Sierra National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #1b(v) – Applicant is advised the ratio score contained in #1b(v) will be auto-populated and made official by the Division at final application submission.
- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #12a&b – Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations – Ground Operations	G16-02-17-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clovis Independent 4 Wheelers and California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), Stewards of Sierra have also applied for Ground Operation grants in the Sierra National Forest. Applicant needs to identify specific areas where Project activities 	

will be performed to ensure there is no duplication of services.
Project Cost Estimate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – All positions, Applicant must budget the Unit of Measurement by hour vs. by day. • Staff – “HS OHV/OSV Rec Specialist” contains several elements that are restoration in nature, i.e. assessing resource damage, implementing wilderness boundary management. Restoration activities are not eligible for a Ground Operations Project. Applicant must adjust accordingly. Also, Applicant must provide more detail on what “develops projects for mitigation and implementation” means. • Staff – “Forest Archeologist”, “Assistant District Archeologist”, and “District Archeologist”, these positions are duplicative of one another. Applicant must explain why positions are needed and what the differences are. • Materials/Supplies – “BL Rock Trail Delineators” and “BL Lumber”, Reinforcing trail tread and delineating OHV legal routes are acceptable Ground Operation activities. Using purchased materials in a different manner for resource protection would be considered restoration and not eligible for a Ground Operations Project. • Indirect – Costs exceed the 15% maximum limit. Applicant must adjust costs appropriately.
Evaluation Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #6 – Project Description does not support “Providing an alternative to wet crossings...”, “protecting special-status species”, or “Re-routing trails...” • #7 – Project Description does not affirm any of the selections.